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1. Attacks against the US owned Cyprus Mines Corporation and its Resident Director, Robert J. Hendricks, by the Communist newspaper "Neos Demokratias" took a libelous turn in a series of articles published 21-27 August 1953. I heard in September 1953 that the Resident Director had asked an attorney to review the articles with the view of bringing legal action against the newspaper. See
2. On 23 Oct 53, through advocates G. N. Chrysosafinis and George Polyvion, the Cyprus Mines Corporation and Robert J. Hendricks filed libel actions in the District Court of Nicosia against D. Galanos, editor of "Neos Demokratias", Stelios Jacovides, manager of the newspaper, Nicos and Achilleas Zavallis, printers of the newspaper, and the People's Agency through which "Neos Demokratias" is distributed. A total of £35 thousand damages was claimed, £25 thousand by the Corporation and £10 thousand by Mr Hendricks. While the Cypriote newspapers, "Eleftheria" and "Ethnos" gave prominent mention of the libel action in their 24 Oct 53 issues, "Neos Demokratias" contained nothing regarding the action in either the 24 or 25 Oct 53 copies.

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